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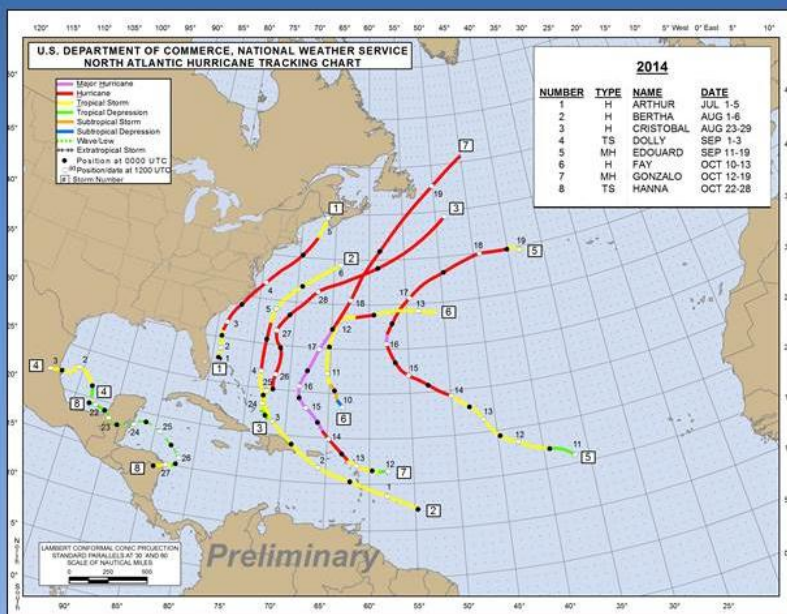
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2014 TBW Year in Review

Here's a look back at some interesting weather events and office accomplishments of 2014

Slow Hurricane Season for Florida!

- First time since 2011 that the state of Florida has not experienced a tropical system
- 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season was near to below average with
 - 8 Named storms
 - 6 Hurricanes
 - 2 Major Hurricanes
- Hurricane Arthur in early July was the only system to impact the contiguous U.S.



Skywarn Recognition Day at WX4TOR



Dan, WX4DAN, and Jason, KD4ACG, (right).



Bill, W1WAB

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League to celebrate the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service.



Participating NWS offices, plus Alaska and Hawaii

Between 7 PM Friday Dec. 5 and 7 PM Saturday Dec 6 twelve amateur radio operators from local clubs plus two NWS meteorologists operated station WX4TOR at the Ruskin office to make contact with 186 other radio operators. Most were in the U.S. but the most distant was in Australia.



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Inspiring Students During the Great American Teach-In

- 10 Meteorologists gave presentations at 15 different schools across the greater Tampa Bay area
- Over 1,800 students learned about being a meteorologist and weather safety



Mike Gittinger speaks at Stowers Elem.



Jen Hubbard speaks at San Jose Elem.



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Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Award Winners for implementing new environmental and ecological services



- Individuals at WFO Tampa and from the National Ocean Service were honored to be awarded a Department of Commerce Bronze Medal.
- The group won this prestigious award for implementing environmental and ecological services targeted to improve human health, promote safe marine navigation, and build coastal resiliency.
- Development of the [Marine Channels Forecast](#), Beach Hazards Statement which included Red Tide information, and Decision Support Programs for Ecological Partners were some of the accomplishments recognized by this award.



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